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One World Trade Center named tallest US building

The One World Trade Center building, center, with its lights on for the first time, seen from Jersey City, N.J., over the weekend of Nov. 8, 2013. The building was declared the tallest in the U.S. on Nov. 12 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

(Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times)

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — They set out to build the tallest skyscraper in the world — a giant that would rise a symbolic 1,776 feet from the ashes of ground zero. Those aspirations of global supremacy fell by the wayside long ago, but New York won a consolation prize Tuesday when an international architectural panel said it would recognize One World Trade Center — at 541 meters high — as the tallest skyscraper in the United States. The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, considered a world author-

ity on supersized skyscrapers, announced its decision at simultaneous news conferences in New York and Chicago, home to the 1,451-foot (442.26-meter) Willis Tower, which is being dethroned as the nation's tallest building. Measuring the height of a building would seem to be a simple thing, but in the case of the new World Trade Center tower it is complicated by the 408-foot (124.36-meter)-tall needle atop the skyscraper's roof. The council's verdict rested on a conclusion that the needle should be counted as part of the building's to-

tal height. Without it, the tower would be just 1,368 feet (416.97 meters) tall, the same height as the original World Trade Center. That would make it smaller than not only the Willis, but also a 1,397-foot (425.81-meter) apartment building being built a short subway ride away near Central Park. Speaking at his office in New York, council chairman Timothy Johnson, an architect at the global design firm NBBJ, said the decision by the 25-member height committee had more "tense moments" than usual, given the skyscraper's importance as a patriotic symbol.

"I was here on 9/11. I saw the buildings come down," he said. Over the past few months, the council had hinted that it might be open to changing its standards for measuring ultra-tall buildings, given a trend toward developers adding "vanity height" to towers with huge, decorative spires. But the council also has a history of disallowing antennas in height calculations. The Empire State Building's landmark 204-foot (62.18-meter) needle isn't counted in its height measurement. Neither are the two TV antennas atop the Willis Tower, which had

been the country's tallest building since it was completed — and named the Sears Tower — in 1974. But in the end, there was unanimity on the committee that One World Trade Center's reach for 1,776 feet — a number that echoes the founding year of the United States — was an artistic architectural expression. "This was a quest to put something meaningful and symbolic on that site because of the horrible history of what happened on that site," said Antony Wood, the council's executive director.

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Concerns grow over pace of aid to Philippines

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Gerry Mullany
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CEBU, Philippines - A U.S. aircraft carrier headed to the Philippines on Tuesday on an emergency mission to help the relief effort there as the situation on the islands became increasingly desperate, with food and water supplies running low and bodies lying uncollected in the streets of at least one devastated city. The USS George Washington, which carries 5,000 sailors and more than 80 aircraft, left a port visit in Hong Kong, its crew recalled from shore leave. Philippine officials found themselves on the defensive Tuesday over the pace of relief efforts as Manila struggled to get supplies to the airport in the city of Tacloban, where as many as 10,000 people were feared dead and most of its residents were struggling to get basic foodstuffs and water four days after Typhoon Haiyan struck. "We've asked the U.S. for aid and the secretary of defense says they are sending an aircraft carrier and a couple other ships - those are en route," said Ricky Carandang, a spokesman for the Philip-

pine president, Benigno S. Aquino III. "There are lots of remote areas that haven't received aid," Carandang said. "The priority is to get

expressed gratitude for the assistance, but it also appeared anxious to retain basic strategic controls, which may have had the unintended consequence

times done elsewhere. Without a tower, all pilots flying into Tacloban were forced to land by sight, slowing deliveries. William Hotchkiss, the di-

mercial airline operations" because of the relief effort there and damage to the airport.

Aid groups detailed frustrating challenges trying to help the tens of thousands of people struggling for food and shelter in Tacloban and elsewhere. The storm surge was so powerful that it left Tacloban devastated, with little means to start up the process of distributing supplies.

"There has been a lot of commentary that relief is not moving as fast as it should be," said Praveen Agrawal, the World Food Program's Philippines representative and country director. "The reality on the ground is there is such a level of devastation."

"Under normal circumstances, even in a typhoon, you'd have some local infrastructure up and some businesses with which you can contract," Agrawal said. "Being as strong as it was, it was very much like a tsunami. It wiped out everything. It's like starting from scratch" in terms of delivering the aid, he said. Asked if the Philippines would be issuing further requests for aid, Carandang said, "It is difficult to say."

Another major concern was the widespread lack of electricity in the areas devastated by the typhoon. In the past, the area around the city of Tacloban has been rich in power. Geothermal plants on the opposite side of Leyte Island are the largest of their kind in Southeast Asia, and are a major source of electricity for the surrounding islands.

But since the storm, Leyte and neighboring Samar Island have been without electricity. Bohol Island is also largely in the dark. The cause is the widespread damage to power lines caused by the force of the typhoon's storm surge.

"Leyte is the hardest hit," said Cynthia Alabanza, a spokeswoman for the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines, the privately owned operator of the country's major power transmission networks. □



Locals cover their faces to mask the smell of rotting flesh in a debris-filled street of Tacloban, Philippines, Nov. 12, 2013. Officials found themselves on the defensive Tuesday over the pace of storm-relief efforts as Manila struggled to get supplies to the airport in Tacloban, where as many as 10,000 people were feared dead. (Tyler Hicks/The New York Times)

food and water supplied. With communications partially functioning, with ports and roads blocked, we need to get that clear first. We need to get the roads clear before you can get the aid to them."

The Philippine government

of hampering some relief efforts. The Tacloban airport control tower was destroyed, for example, but the government did not ask the U.S. military to help manage air traffic control with a temporary replacement setup, as it has some-

rektor of the Philippine Civil Aviation Authority, told Bloomberg TV on Tuesday that 4 of the 5 airports whose operations had been disrupted by the typhoon were now fully operating, with Tacloban's allowing only "limited com-

Diamond could fetch \$60M at Geneva auction

GENEVA (AP) — It's auction time for the filthy rich again in Geneva, where the week's headline-grabbers include the largest fancy vivid orange diamond in the world and another diamond estimated to be worth more than \$60 million. Christie's is set to auction off a 14.82-carat rare gem that it says is expected to fetch up to \$20 million Tuesday. Sotheby's auctions are headlined by Wednesday's offering of "The Pink Star," a vivid and flawless 59.60-carat diamond estimated to be worth more than \$60 million. They are just two of the many diamonds, in all colors, and other jewels, Swiss art, wine and watches being auctioned in Geneva, where buyers flock or phone in from around the world. □



A Sotheby's employee shows The Pink Star diamond weighing 59.6 carat, during a preview at Sotheby's, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Pink Star, one of the world's natural treasures, is the most valuable diamond ever to be offered at auction, estimated in excess of US \$ 60 million.

(AP Photo/Martial Trezzini)

Clinton urges Obama to yield on health law

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WASHINGTON - Former President Bill Clinton on Tuesday joined the intensifying criticism of the botched health care rollout, urging President Barack Obama to accept a change in the law that would allow all Americans to keep their current health insurance plan.

In an interview published on Ozy, a web magazine, Clinton said that Obama should make good on the promise that he and his administration repeatedly made to the American public.

"I personally believe even if it takes a change in the law, the president should honor the commitment the federal government made to those people and let them keep what they got," Clinton said during the interview. Clinton's comment adds to the already intense pressure on the White House from both political parties. It carries special weight given the former president's role in Obama's re-election bid and Clinton's own history of involvement with health care policy. Two White House officials did not respond to requests for comment on Clinton's remarks. In Congress, members on both sides of the aisle are lining up behind legislation that would enforce Obama's oft-stated promise that if consumers had insurance they liked, they could keep it after the Affordable Care Act - known as Obamacare - went into effect.

Obama apologized last week for making a blanket declaration that has turned out to be wrong. Hundreds of thousands of people are getting cancellation notices from health insurance companies because their plans do not conform with minimum standards set by the new law.

In an interview with NBC News on Thursday, the president vowed to "do everything we can" to fix that problem. □

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Tourists photographing the skyscraper Tuesday mostly agreed that when it comes to height measurements, this spire should count.

ter plan in 2003, his original vision was for a twisting, angular spire filled with hanging gardens.

Height was part of the appeal. At the time, his design of 1,776 feet would have made the so-called

(80 kilometers).

That change, along with another that removed a layer of decorative cladding, had created some doubt about how the council might rule.

If they were to stand side

troverly when it declared the Petronas Twin Towers in Malaysia taller than the Willis. That decision, like the one involving One World Trade Center, also rested on whether to count slender, decorative spires in the total height measurement.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel seemed nonplussed with Tuesday's decision.

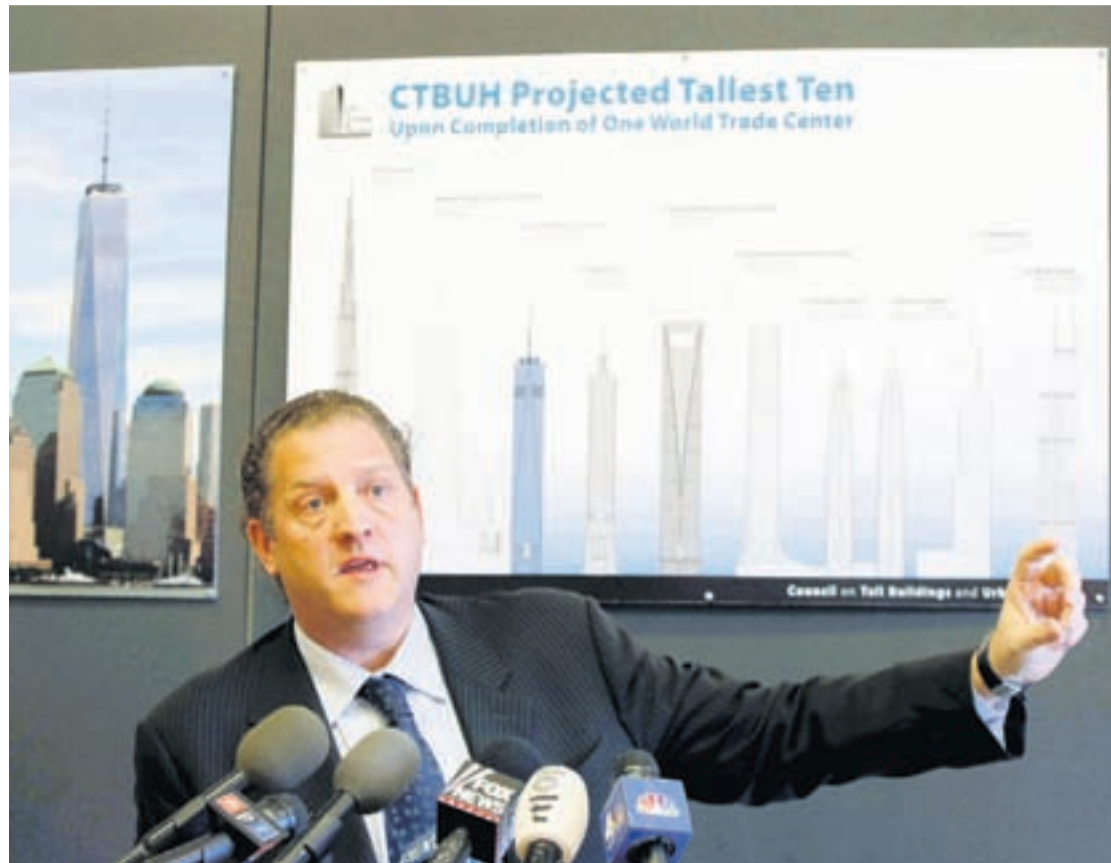
"I would just say to all the experts gathered in one room: If it looks like an antenna, acts like an antenna, then guess what? It is an antenna," he told reporters.

Bella Engstrom, a tourist from Sweden visiting the World Trade Center site, said she thought any measurement of the building should stop at the highest point a person can stand in the tower.

"I think it's as high as you can go. You stop there," she said.

Kevin Corrigan, a union carpenter working at the Trade Center site Tuesday dismissed the height debate as an issue for academics, not workers on the job.

In a joint statement, the Port Authority, its marketing partner, the Durst Organization, and Childs' architectural firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, said the building's creators had "long celebrated the height of 1,776 feet as an unwavering principal" of its design. "This iconic building represents the resilience of America and today's decision recognizes One World Trade Center's rightful place in history," they said. □



Timothy Johnson, chairman of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, speaks about the determination of 1 World Trade Center as the tallest building in the United States, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, in New York. In the determination made by the council, the Willis Tower in Chicago was determined to be the second tallest building in the United States.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

"For any other building, no. But for this one, yes," said Cary Bass of Florida, as he waited to enter the National Sept. 11 Memorial at the new skyscraper's feet. "Those people deserve it," he said, referring to the attack victims.

"It's a special building," said Paul Schlagel, visiting from Longmont, Colorado. When architect Daniel Libeskind won a public design competition for the World Trade Center mas-

"Freedom Tower" the tallest skyscraper in the world. Libeskind's drawings were always meant to be conceptual, though, and the real-world designs produced by architect David Childs and the tower's owner, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, reduced that glass spire to a more conventional cable-stayed mast, which would support broadcast equipment and a rotating beacon, visible for 50 miles

by side, the Willis Tower would probably appear to be the larger building to most bystanders. In fact, someone standing in the Willis Tower's observation deck would have to look down to see One World Trade Center's roof.

This marks the second time that the Willis Tower has lost a "tallest" title in a disputed decision.

Back in 1996, the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat sparked con-

AT&T, Verizon waive fees to contact Philippines

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T and Verizon are offering free calls and texts to the Philippines for customers trying to contact friends and family there in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. AT&T wireless customers will be eligible for unlimited calls and texts until Nov. 30. Landline and U-verse voice customers will get up to 60 minutes of direct-dial call-

ing to the Philippines. The offer is retroactive to last Friday.

That was when the typhoon hit the island nation, displacing more than 600,000 people. Authorities fear that thousands were killed in the country's Leyte province.

Verizon is waiving charges on residential landlines through Dec. 7, also retro-

active to Friday. Wireless customers who aren't under prepaid plans are also eligible.

Sprint says it's still reviewing its service-relief offerings. Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile say they are also letting people send texts to donate \$10 to selected charities.

The donations will be added to phone bills. The

wireless carriers are waiving the usual text messaging charges and processing fees, so that the entire amount goes to the charities.

Meanwhile, Apple is letting people donate to the American Red Cross through its iTunes online store. Apple says the entire amount will go to the charity. □

First lady takes up fundamental education initiative

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WASHINGTON - Michelle Obama urged high school students on Tuesday to increase the opportunities available to them by pursuing higher education, kicking off an initiative that seeks to increase the number of low-income students graduating from college and signaling her plans to focus more on administration policy during the president's second term. Opening up to high school sophomores gathered in an auditorium at Bell Multicultural High School in Washington, Obama spoke of her struggles as an underprivileged student in Chicago, taking a long bus ride across town to attend a better school and

dreaming of the diploma from Princeton University that she eventually earned. The first lady told students they could write their own success stories if they focused on going to college. "No matter what path you choose, no matter what dreams you have, you have got to do whatever it takes to continue your education after high school," she said. The decision to talk to sophomores was a deliberate one. The first lady's new initiative is part of the Obama administration's push for the United States to rank first in the world in the percentage of college graduates by 2020 - the year current high school sophomores will graduate. Obama said that the Unit-



First lady Michelle Obama speaks during an event at Bell Multicultural High School in Washington, Nov. 12, 2013. Obama, after nearly five years of evangelizing exercise and good eating habits, began a new initiative on Tuesday that seeks to increase the number of low-income students who pursue a college degree.

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ed States did rank first a generation ago and that with the projection that almost two-thirds of jobs would require training beyond high school by 2020, it was important to regain that spot. The new program offers the first lady an opportunity to immerse herself further in President Barack Obama's policies, more so than in her work to promote healthy eating and to support military families. She told students that the administration was focused on making resources like the Department of Education's College Navigator and College Scorecard available to help them select affordable colleges, in addition to offering billions of dollars in financial aid. It was clear from her remarks that the initiative, which will take her to schools around the country over the next few years, is a personal one for the first lady. Answering students' questions along with Arne Duncan, the secretary of education, she referred to "kids like us" and recalled those who had discour-

aged her ambitions. "Some of my teachers straight up told me that I was setting my sights too high," Michelle Obama said. "They told me I was never going to get into a school like Princeton. I still hear that ringing in my head." "So it was clear to me that nobody was going to take my hand and lead me to where I needed to go," she continued. "Instead it was going to be up to me to reach my goal. I would have to chart my own course." She emphasized that students would have to take responsibility for their own futures, advising them to learn to manage their time and work without supervision. "Every day students like Menbere and Roger and all of you are proving that it is not your circumstance that defines your future," she said, referring to successful Bell alumni. "It's your attitude. It's your commitment. You decide how high you set your goals. You decide how hard you're going to work for those goals." □



Ohio boy who came home for early Christmas dies

JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A boy whose last wish was to be home in time for Christmas has died, two weeks after his hometown welcomed him with a festive tree outside his window and a motorcycle-riding Santa Claus.

Doctors had told the family of 13-year-old Devin Kohlman that he didn't have long to live so hundreds of residents in the Ohio city of Port Clinton along Lake Erie spent the past few weeks giving him an early Christmas.

They sang carols outside the family's apartment, piled tons of shaved ice into drifting snow near his window and decorated a park with colorful strings of lights, reindeer cutouts and a red "Merry Christmas, Devin" sign.

Devin, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in the summer of 2012, died Monday afternoon, said family friend Roseann Hickman. Family and friends gathered for a vigil after his

death while an early-season snow fell over the city. Devin was flown from Cincinnati, where he was be-

wish come true. Hundreds of people, some in Santa hats, sang Christmas carols after his return



In this October 2013 photo, Devin Kohlman rests at his home in Port Clinton, Ohio after returning from a Cincinnati hospital. Devin, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in the summer of 2012, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 in the afternoon, said family friend Roseann Hickman.

ing treated, to Port Clinton on Oct. 27 so that he could spend his final days at home. Residents filled the city's main street late at night as Devin was driven home with a police escort. While he couldn't go outside, he could see from a window how the community was helping his last

"It brought him a sense of joy to know so many people cared," Hickman said. Thousands of cards from as far away as France and Ireland filled the family's apartment. They had been sent by people who had heard his story, Hickman said.

"Their entire apartment is covered in cards, all over the wall," she said. "I can't even begin to fathom the number."

Toys and teddy bears were sent, too. Donation boxes were set up all over the city of about 6,000 people, which sits about midway between Toledo and Cleveland.

Devin gave away many of the gifts, making sure his classmates who came to visit took home a stuffed bear, Hickman said. □

Miss Teen USA:

Guilty plea made in extortion case

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, California (AP) — A computer science student pleaded guilty Tuesday to hacking the computers of Miss Teen USA and other young women, secretly photographing them and threatening to post the pictures online if they didn't send him more naked photos.

Jared James Abrahams, 19 answered a series of questions from U.S. District Judge James Selna, including an explanation of the crimes that were committed.

"I hacked several girls' computers and, using their webcams, took photos of them when they weren't aware," Abrahams said meekly.

Abrahams pleaded guilty to three counts of extortion and one count of unauthorized computer access. He faces up to 11 years in prison and fines of up to \$1 million when he's sen-

tenced in March.

Prosecutors say that over the past two years, Abrahams hacked into the computers of at least a dozen women in their late teens or early 20s from various states and countries, including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf. Abrahams and Wolf went to high school together.

Court records say he also sent the women anonymous emails telling them he had downloaded nude photos of them. He told them he would publish the images on social media sites if they didn't send him additional pictures or undress for him. If the women complied, Abrahams promised to destroy the images.

At least two of his victims gave in to his demands, authorities said.

"Did you know you were extorting them when you made these demands?" Selna asked. "Yes," Abrahams responded. □

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Industry takes aim at AP ethanol investigation

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Associated Press investigation, which found that ethanol hasn't lived up to some of the government's

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Erosion is seen in field of soybeans that was recently converted to row crops near Corydon, Iowa. The barn is also slated to be demolished to allow more acreage to be planted. Government mandates to increase ethanol production have helped drive up corn prices leading to marginal land being farmed to produce the crop.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

clean-energy promises, is drawing a fierce response from the ethanol industry. In an unusual campaign, ethanol producers, corn growers and its lobbying and public relations firms have criticized and sought to alter the story, which was released to some outlets earlier and is being published online and in newspapers Tuesday. The Agriculture secretary, Tom Vilsack, told the Des Moines Register that the AP project included "a number of inaccuracies and errors." Vilsack said farmers were engaged in other

tion practices. The industry's efforts, which began one week before the AP project was being published and broadcast, included distributing fill-in-the-blank letters to newspapers editors that call the AP's report "rife with errors." Industry officials emailed newspapers and other media, referring to AP's report as a "smear," "hatchet job" and "more dumpster fire than journalism." "We find it to be just flabbergasting. There is probably more truth in this week's National Enquirer than AP's

investigation. The economic stakes for the industry are significant. Congress is working on legislation to do away with the corn-based portion of the mandate, which required oil companies to blend billions of gallons of ethanol into their gasoline. Big Oil is pumping big money into the effort. The Obama administration, a strong defender of biofuels, is soon expected to slightly ease the law's requirements. Overnight, such changes would eliminate a huge source of the demand for ethanol, reduce profits for

servations. It highlights what many researchers have published in peer-reviewed journals and is consistent with reports to Congress by the Environmental Protection Agency about ethanol's environment toll. "The AP's reporting on this important topic is a result of months of work and review of documents, and interviews of experts and people on all sides of the public policy debate about this energy resource," said Mike Oreskes, AP's vice president and senior managing editor. "We stand behind our reporting and

welcome further insights and discussion." Specifically, the ethanol industry disputed AP's findings that as farmers rushed to find new places to plant corn, they wiped out millions of acres of conservation land and destroyed habitat. The industry said the primary driver for such losses was Congress lowering the number acres allowed in conservation, not ethanol. It also cited a Dutch study, which was not peer-reviewed and found that urban sprawl internationally was responsible for greater loss of grassland than biofuels. In addition to citing the Agriculture Department's figures of more than 5 million acres of conservation land transformed under the Obama administration from grass field back into farmland, the AP analyzed U.S. government crop data collected by satellite. The AP identified tracts of land that were cornfields in 2012 and had been grassland in 2006. The AP then excluded land lost from the Conservation Reserve Program to prevent double counting. The AP vetted this methodology with an independent scientist at South Dakota State University, who has published peer-reviewed research on land conversion using the same satellite data. The Dutch study that the industry cited, which AP did not mention, noted that in the United States "biofuel expansion is the dominant cause of agricultural land use loss." □

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US Financial Front:

Justice Department reaches agreement to allow airline merger

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department says it has reached an agreement to allow American Airlines and US Airways to merge, creating the world's biggest airline.

The agreement requires the airlines to scale back the size of the merger at Washington's Reagan National Airport and in other big cities.

In August, the government sued to block the merger, saying it would restrict competition and drive up prices for consumers on hundreds of routes around the country.

The airlines have said their deal would increase competition by creating another big competitor to United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, which grew through recent mergers.

The settlement reached Tuesday would require approval by a federal judge in Washington and eliminate the need for a trial that had been set to begin Nov. 25. It would require American

and US Airways to give up takeoff and landing rights or slots at Reagan National and New York's LaGuardia Airport and gates at airports in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas and Miami to low-cost carriers.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the agreement would ensure more competition on nonstop and connecting routes throughout the country. The department said the divestitures were the largest ever for an airline merger.

The companies expect to complete the merger in December. As soon as the deal closes, the airlines will coordinate prices and schedules as if they were one, but combining the fleets will take months or years, executives said.

Six states had joined the lawsuit to block the merger, fearing the loss of flights and jobs at their airports. The Justice Department said that American and US Airways agreed to maintain for three years the US Airways hubs in Charlotte, Philadelphia and Phoenix and American hubs at



An American Airlines plane and a US Airways plane sit idle at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport. On Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, the Justice Department says it has reached an agreement to allow the merger of the two airlines. The agreement requires them to scale back the size of the merger at key airports in Washington and other big cities.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Miami, Chicago's O'Hare Airport, New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Los Angeles International.

If the settlement is accepted, the combined Ameri-

can and US Airways would operate 44 fewer daily departures at Reagan National and 12 fewer at LaGuardia than they would have without concessions. But the new American will

still be the biggest carrier at Reagan National. The two airlines run about 290 takeoffs a day at Reagan National — about two-thirds of the airport's total — and 175 at LaGuardia now. □

2nd Apple-Samsung trial underway

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge and lawyers for the world's two biggest smartphone makers began picking a jury Tuesday to determine how much Samsung Electronics owes Apple for copying vital iPhone and iPad features. The retrial to determine damages is underway in San Jose, California. A previous jury had awarded Apple \$1.05 billion after determining 26 Samsung products had infringed six Apple patents.

But a judge found the jury miscalculated \$400 million in damages for 13 products and ordered a new trial to determine how much Samsung should pay. Samsung and Apple have been locked in bitter legal struggles around the world as they fight for supremacy of the more than \$300 billion smartphone market. Despite the amount of money involved, the current proceedings are somewhat of a warm-up for a much larger trial scheduled for March. □

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Toronto: Mayor Ford vows fight to stay on

ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Embattled Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said Tuesday he will fight any attempt to have him take a leave of absence in the wake of a crack smoking scandal.

"Robbie Bobbie" dolls for \$20 each, inside City Hall on Tuesday.

Ford's refusal to resign or take a leave of absence has frustrated both his opponents and allies on Toronto's City Council. Still, the council, which

meeting to be a "public flogging."

"They are going to get up, 44 of them, and give my brother a public beating, a public butchering," Doug Ford said. "I'm going to have to stand there and watch it happen so we'll



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford holds a Rob Ford bobblehead doll at Toronto city hall on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. Up to 300 people lined up at City Hall Tuesday to buy the "Robbie Bobbie" dolls for \$20 each, with he proceeds going to charity. The mayor has been dogged by accusations of drug and alcohol abuse.
(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Frank Gunn)

A motion before the Toronto City Council on Wednesday asks the province of Ontario to pass legislation to remove the mayor if he doesn't voluntarily take a leave of absence.

Ford, who acknowledged last week that he smoked crack, said the council meeting will be a "rumble in the jungle."

Ford made the remark as he signed bobble headed

cannot force Ford out unless he's convicted of a crime, may be unwilling to pass the motion, fearing the precedent would encourage the province to step into Toronto's affairs.

The provincial government has also expressed reluctance to interfere in Toronto's municipal affairs.

Councilor Doug Ford, the mayor's brother, expects Wednesday's council

see how it turns out."

Doug Ford insisted the mayor would not step aside. "He doesn't want to be stepping aside for two weeks," he said. "He has to keep busy."

Doug Ford said his brother "needs to make changes in his life" and said he's "turning the corner," noting the robust mayor has worked out three or four times since last week. □

Netanyahu halts some settlement plans, however others to proceed

JODI RUDOREN
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JERUSALEM - With relations between Israel and the United States in distress over deep disagreements on Iranian nuclear negotiations and construction in West Bank settlements, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday froze plans for building in a particularly contentious area outside Jerusalem known as E1.

But Israel's housing ministry nonetheless approved spending nearly \$13 million on initial planning for nearly 20,000 new units in West Bank territory seized by Israel in 1967, which Palestinian leaders and left-wing Israelis condemned as a sign that Netanyahu was not serious about the peace talks that started this summer.

A senior official in the prime minister's office, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said Netanyahu had halted construction plans in E1, a vast, hilly expanse between East Jerusalem and a large Israeli settlement called Maale Adumim, so as not to exacerbate tensions with Washington and the West.

A year ago, Israel prompted an international uproar by declaring its intention to build there a day after the United Nations voted to upgrade the Palestinians' status to an observer state. Palestinians contend that construction in E1, short for East 1, would

disrupt the contiguity of their future state.

"At this moment, when we want the focus of the international community on Iran, it just doesn't make sense to point people's attention to an issue which ultimately has no real significance," the Israeli official said Tuesday. As to the broader plans approved by the housing ministry, the official played them down as part of a "yearly bureaucratic process" outlining "long-term goals," and emphasized, "This is not construction - construction requires separate decisions."

The calibrated move came days after Secretary of State John Kerry criticized in harsher terms than usual Israel's continued construction in West Bank settlements, contributing to a crisis of confidence between Washington and Jerusalem centered on the diplomatic initiative with Iran.

Netanyahu has relentlessly criticized an interim deal being proposed in which Iran would freeze much of its nuclear program in exchange for an easing of some economic sanctions. "There is no need to rush into a bad deal," he reiterated Tuesday.

During a visit here last week, Kerry called settlements "illegitimate" and said in a joint television interview with Israeli and Palestinian journalists, "The entire peace process would in fact be easier if the settlements were not taking place." □



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China leaders pledge bigger role for free market

JOE McDONALD
AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's leaders finished a closely watched policy meeting Tuesday with a promise to give market forces a bigger

leash a wave of change, Communist Party leaders gave an unusually strong endorsement of private companies as "important components" of the economy but said state indus-

ket in party policy over the past two decades. It gave no indication the meeting considered any political reforms in China's closed, secretive one-party system. It said a national

cadres of rapid expansion but has run out of steam. Reform advocates say Beijing should open an array of state-controlled industries to private competition, but any moves to curb the

suggested party leaders, as many observers expected, agreed on broad themes but put off battles over details such as the status of state companies that control vast swathes of China's economy including banking, energy and telecoms.

"Many of us hoped they would use the opportunity to say something really striking, really pushing forward the momentum, and it's fair to say they have not done that," said Barry Naughton, a specialist in the Chinese economy at the University of California at San Diego. "I think the way they did it reflects they do not yet have consensus to move forward to dramatically reform."

Another key area that reformers say is ripe for change is control of land. The report said farmers should have more property rights but made no commitments.

All land in China is owned by the state. Farmers are tenants who cannot mortgage or rent their land to buy better seeds and technology.

Giving them ownership or at least more control would unlock wealth in the countryside but also might jolt real estate markets and affect local governments that rely on sales of land use rights for revenue. Because of that, some analysts said land reform is likely to be left until later. □



Chinese President Xi Jinping, center, and other Communist Party top leaders raise their hands to vote in the third plenary session of the 18th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, in Beijing Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. China's leaders finished a closely watched policy meeting Tuesday with a promise to give market forces a bigger role in the country's state-dominated economy but failed to produce dramatic reforms to overhaul a worn-out growth model.

(AP Photo/Lan Hongguang)

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In a report after a four-day meeting that reform advocates hoped would un-

tries will remain its core. The market will play a "decisive role" in allocating resources, the party said. The official Xinhua News Agency said that was an upgrade from the "core role" assigned to the mar-

security council would be set up to improve security strategy.

Chinese leaders are under pressure to replace a growth model based on exports and investment that delivered three de-

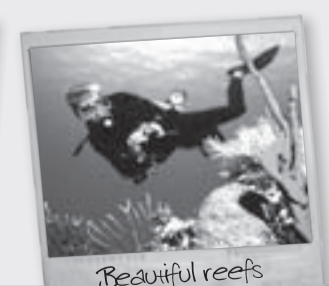
privileges of politically favored companies are likely to face resistance.

The party said it will create a committee to "deepen reforms" and gave no indication when more changes might be approved. That

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Despite ruling, Egypt curfew remains intact

MAGGIE SARAH EL DEEB

CAIRO (AP) — A court declared that Egypt's 3-month-old state of emergency expired Tuesday, two days earlier than expected, but the military and security officials held off from implementing the ruling and lifting a nighttime curfew, amid worries that the measures' end will fuel protests by supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi.

Morsi, meanwhile, held his first extensive meeting with lawyers in a prison near the Mediterranean city of Alexandria. He had been held in secret military detention with almost no contact with the outside world since he was ousted in a July 3 popularly backed coup, but he was moved to a regular prison last week after the first session of his trial on charges of inciting murder.

The lawyers, who hail from the Muslim Brotherhood and its allies, on Wednesday will relay a message from Morsi addressing the Egyptian people and "all

parties," according to Morsi's son Osama, a lawyer who was among those who met him. The son told The Associated Press that his father is still refusing to allow any lawyer to represent him in the trial because he insists he remains



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi raise his poster and their hands with four raised fingers, which has become a symbol of the Rabaah al-Adawiya mosque, during a protest in Cairo, Egypt. Arabic reads, "Morsi is my president, no for coup."

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

president and does not recognize the tribunal. The state of emergency and a nighttime curfew imposed along with it have been aimed at helping

authorities tighten their security grip and control on near daily protests that frequently descended into violence by pro-Morsi supporters and his Muslim Brotherhood demanding his reinstatement and the reversal of what the call

an illegal coup against democracy. On Monday, Interior Minister Mahmoud Ibrahim, who heads the security forces, said the state of

emergency would expire on Thursday and that security reinforcements would deploy in the streets at that time — a sign of the worries over intensified protests.

The surprise ruling by the Cairo Administrative Court ordering the lifting Tuesday appeared to have caught the government off guard — and authorities said they were not immediately implementing it until the court formally notifies them of the decision.

The confusion came because the state of emergency was initially announced for a month on Aug. 14.

But the government renewed it for another two months on Sept. 12. The court said that means it ends on Nov. 12, not Nov. 14.

The Cabinet put out a statement saying it will abide by the ruling, but that it will wait for the details of the ruling to issue the verdict in writing. By Tuesday night, that had not occurred.

The military said that without official notification of the verdict, it was implementing the curfew as planned, at 1 a.m. on Wednesday. Military spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali said in a statement that the military so far had not been "notified officially of any court ruling." □

AP: Greenpeace activists transferred to St. Petersburg

VITNIJA SALDAVA
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — The 30 people arrested following a Greenpeace protest at a Russian oil rig in the Arctic were transferred to St. Petersburg on Tuesday, Greenpeace International and Russian transport officials said.

A sealed wagon attached to a passenger train transported the group from the northern city of Murmansk to St. Petersburg's Ladozhsky Station, the officials said. While Russia has not given an official reason for the transfer, it comes after widespread international protests over the arrest of the 28 crew members and a Russian photographer and a British videographer who were working for Greenpeace.

St. Petersburg is a more accessible destination for the activists' lawyers and family members than Murmansk, a far-flung city north of the Arctic Circle that gets little light during its long winter.

State television said the activists were taken to three detention centers, including the notorious Kresty prison. Built in 1893, Kresty is the oldest detention center in St. Petersburg and many political prisoners have been among its inmates. □

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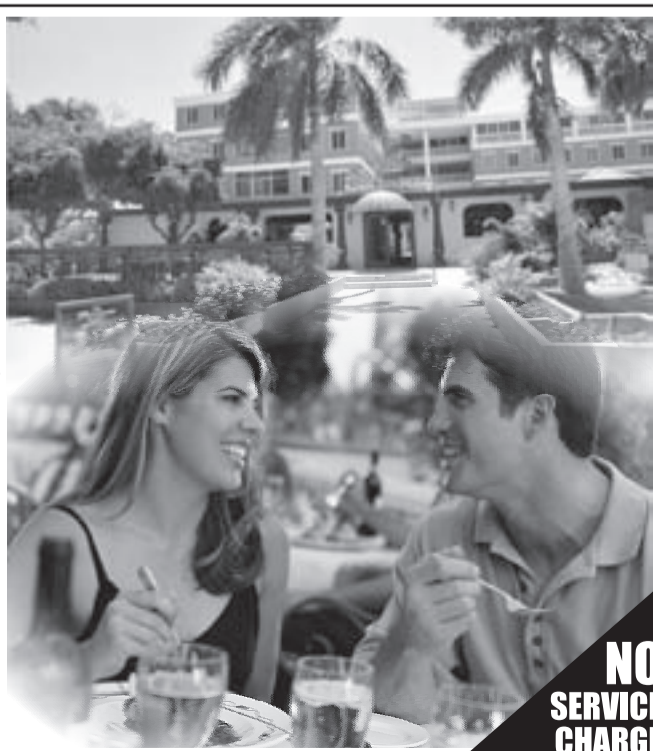
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Italian killed at Mexico restaurant

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities said Monday that they are investigating the shooting death of an Italian man who was killed inside a restaurant in the resort city of Acapulco. Guerrero state prosecutors said witnesses told investigators the man was sitting at a table Sunday night inside an Italian restaurant on Acapulco's main tourist thoroughfare when two men approached him, one of whom pulled out a gun and shot him in the back and head. Prosecutors said in a statement released Monday that they have contacted the Italian Embassy in Mexico City to send the body back to Italy. It said that investigators were working on a police sketch of the two assailants. Guerrero state authorities didn't identify the victim. But Mexican media identified him as 68-year-old Moreno Gallo, whom Ca-

nadian authorities have linked to organized crime circles in Montreal. Gallo, whose family immigrated from southern Italy's Calabria region to Canada in the 1950s, received a life sentence for the 1973 killing of a Montreal drug dealer, but he was paroled in 1982, according to Canadian media reports. While he was imprisoned, his wife opened a bakery-restaurant in Montreal's Little Italy neighborhood. Canadian officials revoked his parole in 2007 and later began deportation proceedings. At the time, Gallo denied being a member of a criminal organization. He was deported in January 2012, and the Canada Border Services Agency said Gallo has an "active implication in organized crime." Instead of returning to his native Italy, Gallo moved to Mexico and launched a challenge of his deportation order in Canadian Federal Court.

Cambodian police open fire on protesters

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Police fired live ammunition during clashes with protesting garment workers outside Cambodia's capital Tuesday, killing a bystander and injuring at least 20 others, rights groups said. Hundreds of workers from the SL Garment Processing (Cambodia) Ltd. factory clashed with hundreds of riot police sent to block a march from the factory to

for the rights group Adhoc. It was unclear which side started the attacks, in which police fired live bullets and tear gas to rescue their colleagues, and protesters threw rocks and wielded iron bars and wooden sticks, Chan Soveth said. A woman selling rice near the protest was killed by a police bullet, Chan Soveth and Am Sam Ath of the rights group Licadho said.

dhist monks were hurt when police fired tear gas into a Buddhist pagoda where demonstrators had sought refuge. Nine other people were hurt, including youths who jumped into the clashes and bystanders, he said. "The crackdown conducted by police this morning against workers was very cruel and unacceptable," said Kong Athith, a spokesman for the Coalition of Cambodian Ap-



An injured Cambodian worker escapes from riot police in the compound of a Buddhist pagoda in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. Police fired live ammunition during clashes with protesting garment workers outside Cambodia's capital Tuesday, killing a bystander who was struck by a bullet while selling rice and injuring at least 20 people, rights groups said. Hundreds of workers from the SL Garment Processing (Cambodia) Ltd. factory clashed with hundreds of riot police sent to block a march from the factory to the Phnom Penh residence of Prime Minister Hun Sen, according to several human rights groups. (AP Photo)

Rape scandal at Bogota restaurant

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian police say they are investigating the alleged rape of a 20-year-old woman in the parking lot of a famed Bogota restaurant that became the talk of online social networks after the restaurant's owner raised doubts about whether a crime was committed and commented on the woman's attire. Police say they are investigating a complaint by the woman's family that she

was raped early on Nov. 3 in the parking lot of Andres Carne de Res. Owner Andres Jaramillo drew intense criticism online after a radio interview Tuesday in which he questioned whether the woman was raped and for commenting that she was wearing a mini-skirt. Jaramillo said video cameras and the testimony of waiters suggested the sex was instead consensual. Police say no arrests have been made. □

the residence of Prime Minister Hun Sen, according to two human rights groups. Workers from the factory, which makes clothing for Gap, H&M and other international brands, have been protesting for months for better working conditions and pay. The violence erupted after police sent five officers to negotiate with the protesters, who surrounded and threatened to beat the policemen, said Chan Soveth, senior investigator

The National Police blamed the incident on unidentified "opportunists" who threw rocks and fired slingshots at police and set one of their vehicles on fire. It said in a statement that police took "appropriate measures" to protect themselves and keep the violence from spreading. It said 27 policemen had been wounded, nine critically, and one woman had been killed. Six protesters were injured, Chan Soveth said, adding that five Bud-

parel Workers Democratic Union, which organized the protest. "Workers were unarmed. Why did police use live ammunition to crack down on them?" The garment industry is Cambodia's biggest export earner, employing about 500,000 people in more than 500 garment and shoe factories. In 2012, the Southeast Asian country shipped more \$4 billion worth of products to the United States and Europe. □

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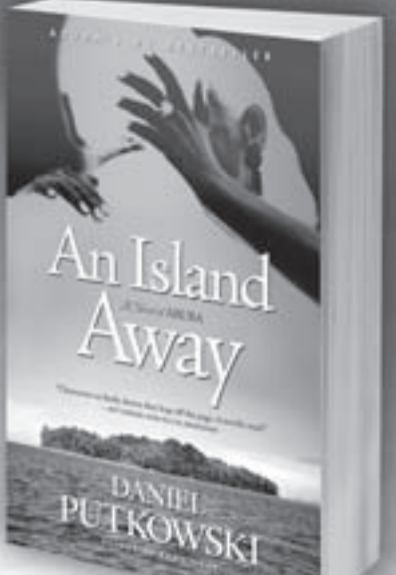
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EU vows youth unemployment to ease within 2 years

GREG KELLER
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — European youths still face rising joblessness at a rate far higher than their American counterparts — but European

leaders insisted Tuesday that scenario is going to improve over the next two years. Leaders from 24 European nations as well as labor ministers and European Union officials met Tuesday

in Paris to talk about youth unemployment. They announced no new programs but many expressed confidence that plans now in place will reverse the rising joblessness for the under-25

set over the next two years. With budgets still tight, Europe's youth unemployment rate stands at 23.5 percent, up from 23.1 percent a year ago. In the U.S., the rate is about 16

percent.

Europe has pledged 45 billion euros (\$60 billion) between 2013 and 2015 to fight youth unemployment. French President Francois Hollande said the meeting had set a strategy to ensure that by 2015, no youth will spend more than four months unemployed without being offered a job, an apprenticeship, training or education.

"We must act quickly because it is urgent, we cannot abandon a generation," Hollande said at a news conference.

Hollande said the leaders agreed that EU nations which have action plans to combat youth unemployment by the end of the year will be able to begin drawing upon the 6 billion-euro (\$8 billion) Youth Employment Initiative that the EU has set aside beginning Jan. 1. As of 2011, only 34 percent of 15-29 year-olds in Europe were employed, the lowest figure ever recorded. The EU employment figure masks huge disparities, however: The German youth unemployment rate was only 7.7 percent while Greece's was a stunning 57.3 percent. Seven EU countries had a youth jobless rate over 30 percent, fueling concern that a generation of people will be locked out of the job market, hurting long-term growth prospects for their nations. One EU think tank has estimated the cost to Europe of employing so few of its young people at 153 billion euros annually as of 2011.



France's President Francois Hollande, left, listens to German Chancellor Angela Merkel during a press conference after a meeting on youth unemployment in the European Union at the Elysee Palace in Paris, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. European leaders who are meeting Tuesday in Paris to talk about youth unemployment are tackling the subject for at least the fourth time in six months, but the jobless rate has only continued to rise.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

FIFA study urges value of sports to Swiss economy

ZURICH (AP) — FIFA-backed research says international sports organizations were worth 1.46 billion Swiss francs (\$1.59 billion) and accounted for 8,040 jobs in Switzerland's economy in 2011. FIFA communications director Walter De Gregorio

says the study, involving 67 sports bodies based in Switzerland, fulfilled a "responsibility to contribute with facts and figures to relevant public policy discussions." After corruption scandals implicating FIFA officials, Swiss lawmakers reconsidered sports bodies'

exemptions from some tax and business regulations. FIFA anti-corruption adviser Mark Pieth has described Switzerland's reputation as a "pirates' harbor." The figures covered employment, meetings and conferences, according to research commissioned

by FIFA from Zurich-based consultants Ruetter + Partner. The study says sports bodies generated tax revenues for Switzerland of 128 million Swiss francs (\$140 million), directly from salaries and profits and indirectly from spending. □



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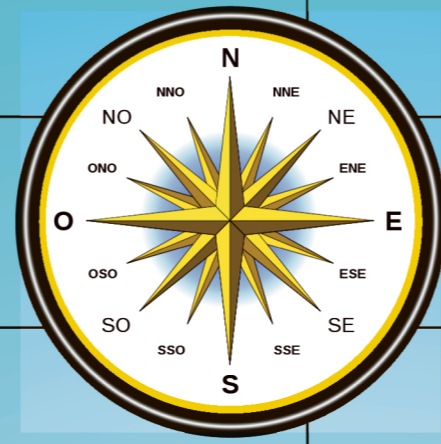


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Bucs hold off Dolphins 22-19 for 1st win

FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Florida (AP) —

Rookie Mike Glennon threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to tackle Donald Penn and led a long fourth-quarter TD drive to put the Buccaneers ahead for good in a 22-19 victory over the embattled Miami Dolphins on Monday.

Bobby Rainey's 1-yard run capped an 80-yard drive as the Bucs held on in the final 10 minutes to become the last team in the league to win this season.

Jacksonville beat Tennessee on Sunday, leaving Tampa Bay (1-8) as the league's only winless team entering the game.

Playing for the first time since a bullying scandal, the Dolphins (4-5) started slowly before overcoming an early 15-0 deficit to lead 19-15 heading into the fourth quarter.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers tackle Donald Penn, right, catches a 1-yard pass for a touchdown against the Miami Dolphins during the first half of an NFL football game in Tampa, Fla., Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

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Associated Press



In this Sept. 22, 2013 file photo, Houston Texans free safety Ed Reed watches from the sideline in the second half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

FILE - In this Sept. 22, 2013, file photo, Houston Texans free safety Ed Reed watches during a break ...

HOUSTON (AP) -- The Houston Texans released

nine-time Pro Bowl safety Ed Reed and put running back Arian Foster on injured reserve Tuesday, the latest blows in a disaster of a season.

Reed missed the first two games after hip surgery

Texans release safety Ed Reed; Foster on IR

and was recently relegated to a backup role. On Friday, he expressed his displeasure at not starting. On Sunday, after Houston's seventh straight loss, he publicly criticized the team and said they had been outplayed and outcoached in the team's first full game without coach Gary Kubiak, who is recovering from a mini-stroke. Interim coach Wade Phillips, who is the team's defensive coordinator, seemed unhappy when asked about Reed's comments on Monday.

"Everybody has their own

feelings about what's happening," Phillips said. "They have their own ideas about what's happening or didn't happen. We try to keep everything in house." A few hours before the Texans announced his release, Reed tweeted: "Thanks to the Texans! And the City of Htown!"

The 35-year-old Reed was signed to a three-year, \$15 million contract in the off-season after he spent his entire 11-year career with Baltimore. The Texans courted him in an effort to beef up what they saw as an elite defensive unit that needed

an upgrade in the secondary to make an expected run at the Super Bowl. But Reed never showed the playmaking ability he had become known for in Baltimore and had just 16 tackles this season. The move could mean the end of the career of a player many believe is the best to ever play his position. He was the AP Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 and led the league in interceptions that season and again in 2008 and 2010. He's made the Pro Bowl in each of the last seven seasons and was a five-time All-Pro. □

NFL Roundup

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Ryan Tannehill threw touch-down passes of 6 and 19 yards to Rishard Matthews, but got no help from a running game that was limited to just 2 yards rushing.

The Bucs sacked Tannehill twice on Miami's final possession before Darrelle Revis intercepted Tannehill's fourth-down desperation throw intended for Mike Wallace with 1:35 remaining.

Tampa Bay held fourth-quarter leads in four of its eight losses, losing each time in the final 89 seconds of regulation or overtime.

Glennon completed 11 of 21 for 139 yards in his sixth pro start. The third-round draft pick threw his first interception in four games — a span of 159 attempts — to set up a third-quarter field goal that put the Dolphins up 19-15.

Tannehill finished 27 of 42 for 229 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

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The Dolphins had not played since Oct. 31, when they beat Cincinnati 22-20 in overtime to stop a four-game skid.

They've been the talk of the league for the wrong reasons ever since.

The NFL is investigating tackle Jonathan Martin's allegations of daily harassment by teammates, including suspended guard Richie Incognito. Martin is with his family in California to undergo counseling for emotional issues, and he'll meet later this week with the league's special investigator to discuss the allegations. The special investigator will determine whether Incognito harassed Martin, and whether the Dolphins mishandled the matter.

Owner Stephen Ross broke his silence on the situation during a news conference before the game at Raymond James Stadium. He



Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Vincent Jackson (83) reaches for a pass over Miami Dolphins cornerback Brent Grimes (21) during the first quarter of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, in Tampa, Fla.

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said he was appalled by the player's accusations and plans to meet with Martin on Wednesday at an undisclosed location. "Obviously there was a voice we weren't hearing,"

Ross said, adding he will take an open mind into the meeting and is eager to learn the facts of the case. The owner said he has formed an independent advisory group that in-

cludes Tony Dungy, Don Shula, Dan Marino, Jason Taylor and Curtis Martin to review organizational conduct policies and to make recommendations on areas for improvement. □



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NHL Roundup

Bruins beat Lightning 3-0; Tampa's Stamkos injured

KEN POWTAK
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BOSTON (AP) — Patrice Bergeron and Daniel Paille scored 20 seconds apart a few minutes after Tampa Bay star Steven Stamkos was taken off the ice on a stretcher with a broken right leg as the Boston Bruins beat the Lightning 3-0 on Monday.

Stamkos was hurt with 7:11 to play in the second period after entering the day level with Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby as the NHL's leading scorer. Stamkos got tied up with Boston defenseman Dougie Hamilton and crashed into the right post.

His left skate appeared to hit the post first before his right leg crashed into it around the shin area. He tried to get up twice before going down to the



Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos holds his skate after banging into the goalpost defending against Boston Bruins defenseman Dougie Hamilton, above, during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Boston Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. Stamkos was taken off the ice on a stretcher after the play.

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ice in pain, grabbing his leg just above the ankle. Tuukka Rask stopped 28 shots for his 18th career season. Jarome Iginla

added an empty-net goal with 59 seconds left. Anders Lindback, playing just his fifth game of the season, made 23 saves for Tampa Bay, which had a four-game winning streak snapped. The Bruins jumped ahead with just under 3 minutes left in the period when Bergeron scored off the rebound of Torey Krug's shot that caromed off the skate of Loui Eriksson. They made it 2-0 when Paille broke in down the right wing, shifted to his backhand and slipped a shot past Lindback inside the right post. During the play, Tampa Bay defenseman Sami Salo also appeared to hurt his right leg and had trouble making it to the bench. He was briefly assisted by one of the referees on the ice and didn't return in the third period. □

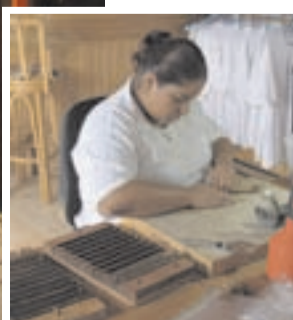
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Pacers roll past Grizzlies 95-79 to stay unbeaten

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Paul George scored 23 points and Lance Stephenson had the first triple-double of his career, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 95-79 victory Monday over the Memphis Grizzlies. NBA Capsules

Indiana became the NBA's seventh team to open 8-0 since 2000 — two more wins than the franchise's previous best start. And they followed a familiar script in the battle between last season's conference runner-ups by dominating the glass, dominating the second half and divvying up top honors.

Stephenson finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and a career-high 12 assists. George Hill scored 13 points and Roy Hibbert added five more blocks to his NBA-leading total. Memphis was led by Marc Gasol with 15 points and Zach Randolph with 12.

SPURS 109, 76ERS 85

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Danny Green scored 18 points and Tony Parker had 14 as San Antonio rolled to an easy victory.

The defending Western Conference champions are off to a 7-1 start following consecutive wins in New York and Philadelphia.

Evan Turner scored 20 points and Spencer Hawes had 17 for the Sixers, who couldn't give coach Brett Brown a better effort in his first game against his former team.

Brown spent 11 years in San Antonio, including seven as an assistant under Gregg Popovich and was part of the team's four championships.

The Spurs didn't even need Tim Duncan, who was given a rest in the second of back-to-back games.

HAWKS 103, BOBCATS 94

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Al Horford scored 24 points as Atlanta handed Charlotte coach Steve Clifford a loss in his first game back since undergoing a heart procedure.

Clifford missed Charlotte's game last Friday night against the New York Knicks after having two stents placed in his heart. The Hawks trailed by nine at halftime but outscored the Bobcats 34-16 in the third quarter behind 72 percent shooting to take control of the game. Horford had 13 points in the third quarter to help turn the tide for the Hawks.

Jeff Teague had 14 points and 12 assists, while Cartier Martin chipped in with 16 points. Josh McRoberts led the Bobcats with 19 points and seven assists. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 16 points, but none in the second half. Al Jefferson had 10 points and seven rebounds in his first game back from an ankle injury.

CELTICS 120, MAGIC 105

BOSTON (AP) — Avery Bradley scored 24 points as Boston beat Orlando for the second time in four days. Kelly Olynyk, Jordan Crawford and Jeff Green each had 16 points for Boston, which has won four straight after opening the season with four losses under first-year coach Brad Stevens. The Celtics shot 60 percent (51 for 85).

Arron Afflalo had 18 points and seven assists, Victor

Oladipo scored 17 points and Nikola Vucevic had 15 points and 10 boards for Orlando, which dropped its 16th straight road game. It was Boston's 10th straight win in the series, dating back to the Magic's victory at home on Christmas in 2010. The Celtics won 91-89 at Orlando on Friday night.

BULLS 96, CAVALIERS 81

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick Rose had 16 points before leaving in the fourth quarter with an apparent injury as Chicago pulled away from Cleveland.

Rose grimaced after he drove down the lane for a twisting layup with 3:39 left. He remained in the game for a short time before he was pulled for Kirk Hinrich, and a trainer then attended to the 2011 NBA MVP at the end of the bench.

Carlos Boozer scored 17 points and reserve Mike Dunleavy Jr. added a season-high 16 for Chicago, which went 24 for 26 at the free-throw line. Luol Deng



Indiana Pacers guard Lance Stephenson, left, shoots in front of Memphis Grizzlies guard Jamaal Franklin in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. The Pacers defeated the Grizzlies 95-79. Stephenson had his first triple-double of his career with 13 points, 11, rebounds and 12 assists.

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finished with 12 points. Kyrie Irving had 16 points for Cleveland, but was 5 for 19 from the field in his

first game against Rose. The Cavaliers committed 20 turnovers, leading to 29 points for the Bulls. □

New steroid profiling, mobile App for athletes

GERALD IMRAY
AP Sports Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The World Anti-Doping Agency will introduce a new technique for urine tests from next year that is aimed at catching athletes who take steroids.

WADA called it "the twin" of the blood profiling currently system used in the athletes' biological passport system. It will allow anti-doping authorities to build a profile of a person's steroid levels from urine samples and to identify any changes — in a similar way that changes

in blood may indicate doping.

WADA said Tuesday the new technique will particularly target testosterone and will "complement" the biological passport.

It can be used from Jan. 1, WADA President John Fahey said, announcing the introduction of the "steroidal module" at the World Conference on Doping in Sport in South Africa.

The steroid technique had been developed alongside the current blood module but then fell behind, Fahey said. Blood profiling has

been in use since 2008.

Blood profiling has had success in detecting the use of the blood-boosting drug EPO and led to the banning of a number of cyclists.

It is currently used by around 35 sports, WADA says.

WADA has also developed a mobile App that allows athletes to give their whereabouts to anti-doping agencies through their cellphones or other devices so they don't miss out-of-competition tests. The new App will be available from next month. □



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Head Throb

The French words for headache; mal de tête, has always seemed to make the affliction sound much less ominous. Thankfully most headaches are not serious even if very painful. However, head pain, in every country, is the most common human affliction and, even in this age of extreme advances in medical technology there is still far more that we do not know about headaches than that which we do know.

In many eastern medical practices, especially Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) headaches have been treated with a much higher success rate than they have in the Western world. Furthermore, TCM has a much different approach to understanding headaches, health, and the person as a whole.

Western, allopathic medicine classifies headaches by their specific symptoms and measurable biological effects. Individuals are usually classified as having a certain type of headache and treatment is based of this classification. There are eleven main types of headache classifications in western medicine. The first four are the most common and serious types of headaches and include head

pain caused from vascular (brain arteries changing shape), muscle contraction (tightness), traction, and inflammation.

The other types of headaches include environmental or behavioral headaches caused by factors such as caffeine withdrawal, eyestrain, poor posture, and hunger. Trauma headaches are headaches that result from an injury often times, which is minor. Sensitivity headaches are a reaction to an allergy, food, chemical or environmental substance. Finally, sinus headaches, dental headaches, and exertion headaches are self explanatory.

Pharmaceuticals, which have dangerous side affects, are by far the most widely used treatment for headaches in western medicine, but allopathic Doctors do recognize the role played with food in headaches. Western doctors recognize sugar, MSG (Monosodium Glutamate, a flavor enhancer used in many foods), and food allergies as primary prevention factors in treating headaches. However, this is not nearly considered to be as important a factor as it is in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Unfortunately, much more common treatment of headaches is through the use of pharmaceuticals. These pharmaceuticals are man made chemicals constructed with the intention of correcting a chemical imbalance. Western Medicine usually sees these imbalances

as coming from the liver, the endocrine system, and occasionally the nervous system. This treatment also includes the regulation of hormones, mostly in women and is tied to the menstruation cycle. Many women find that they get headaches the day before menstrual flow begins or the day that flow actually begins an effect of estrogen withdrawal.

Traditional Chinese medicine sees a headache essentially as a disharmony within the person. Thus our treatment is to rebalance the disharmony, which in turn will help not only the headache but make the individual healthier as a whole. In our ~~grass-roots~~ clinic we take on an approach that identifies the source of the head pain. We know that everything in existence is related and that means within your body. Slow moving colons produce purification chemicals with an extremely unpleasant smell that stimulates mucus production in the sinuses, chest, and produce headaches. Colon hydrotherapy or the washing of the large intestines is an easy medical procedure that quickly removes and corrects headaches from this source.

Acupuncture is a useful, inexpensive and effective form of treatment for people who suffer from chronic or migraine headaches. Studies have shown acupuncture to work better than conventional treatments alone and result in fewer headaches and no negative side affects. Also,

it has been shown repeatedly that acupuncture decreased the severity and frequency of headaches in those who experienced severe headaches. Acupuncture treatment involves the insertion of extremely fine needles into the skin at precise points in the body. It has been shown to help with migraine nausea and pain.

Many of the sources of headache pain we have seen in our clinic include dental problems and the toxic heavy metals that leak from dental amalgams. Headaches and migraines are an often reported complaint of people who have amalgam fillings in their teeth. Dentists knowledgeable in biocompatible dentistry are very effective in improving the condition.

Herbal tradition has used the herbs that detoxify and support the liver are an even better combination. Eating foods right for your metabolic type and including a distressing exercise, getting enough sleep make up lifestyle support.

Get The Point! The longer the headache or migraine is left untreated the harder it is to stop. Using pharmaceutical drugs or most of the medications used for headaches have dangerous side effects and can cause rebound which is a serious worsening of your baseline headache. You probably already know that when you develop a migraine what may help is being calm; staying in a dark and soothing room; and sleeping may also

help. Rather than wait for your next headache or migraine, consider treatment and prevention by acupuncture, herbal treatments, and a personalized diet that have a five thousand year old tract record. Call to make an appointment.

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Biometrics researchers see world without passwords

MICHAEL CONRO

, Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Indiana (AP) —

Some Purdue University researchers are working on technology that could see all those passwords that computer users must punch in replaced with steps such as iris and fingerprint scans.

The basement lab of Purdue University's International Center for Biometrics Research is where such emerging biometric technologies are tested for weaknesses before going mainstream.

Iris and fingerprint scans as well as facial and voice recognition are just a few of the tools that can improve security while making lives easier, said Stephen Elliott, the center's director.

That technology can allow someone to log into a computer or activate a smartphone simply by swiping their fingerprint over a sensor — and eliminate the need to frequently change passwords.

"I think the average person would tell you they have too many passwords and it's a hassle to change them all the time, and therefore they use the same password for lots of things, which inherently makes that easier to break," Elliott said.

Research into new uses of biometrics is blossoming as universities enlist the technology for tasks ranging from paying for meals to



Stephen Elliott, Director Of International Biometric Research at Purdue University, uses a palm scanner to gain entrance to one of his biometric labs Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 in West Lafayette, Ind. Iris scans, fingerprint scans, facial and voice recognition are tools that improve security while making our lives easier, says Elliott.

restricting access to high-security facilities. Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh has even studied using sensors in special "bio-soles" that measure the unique gaits and foot pressure to identify people.

Soldiers in Iraq carry handheld devices that allow them to scan fingerprints, retinas and faces and compare them with a database filled with hundreds of thousands of identities.

Purdue researchers say using such technology to

reduce the need for passwords is a natural next step. Biometrics is already in use at a KFC restaurant in West Lafayette, where workers punch in by putting their finger on a fingerprint scanner attached to their cash register.

Chris Smith, the restaurant's assistant manager, said passwords were sometimes shouted out among workers and that the fingerprint system improves the security of cash registers by better limiting access.

And the system means one less password workers have to memorize.

"I'm sure that they have a hundred that they have to remember for their things at home — their online banking and whatnot," Smith said. "So it's just one more ease for them that they don't have to have."

Elliott said that while many people now consider such scanners something out of the movies, he believes computer passwords could someday be a thing of the

past.

"I think once people see the things in consumer's hands — the biometrics in there — then we'll just see people try to push other deployments of biometrics, because it's easier," he said. □

New version of iPad Mini now on sale



An Apple employee demonstrates the new iPad Mini on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in San Francisco. Apple unveiled a new, thinner, lighter tablet called the "iPad Air" and the iPad Mini with Retina Display, along with a slew of new Macs Tuesday at an event in San Francisco.

Associated Press

CUPERTINO, California (AP) —

The latest version of Apple's iPad Mini is going on sale. The new Mini is the first version of the smaller iPad to feature a high-resolution display that Apple calls Retina. It also includes a power-efficient A7 chip, along with faster wireless and expanded LTE cellular connectivity. □

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US stocks fall as corporate earnings disappoint

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Disappointing company earnings and falling oil prices pulled stocks back from record highs on Tuesday. NRG Energy slumped after the company lowered its earnings forecast, leading other power companies lower. News Corp. fell after the media company posted an unexpected revenue decline due to

world's biggest airline. This year's 24 percent surge in the stock market has slowed in November. The Standard & Poor's 500 has edged up 0.6 percent this month after an average monthly increase of 1.7 percent in the previous 10 months. "The market looks tired to us," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at US Bank. "A little bit of a pause is actually healthy,"

to 1,767 points. The Nasdaq composite edged up 0.13 point to 3,919.92. Six of the 10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 index fell. Banks and utilities fell the most. NRG Energy was one of the biggest decliners in the S&P 500, slipping 98 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$27.06. News Corp. fell 27 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$17.15. Energy stocks fell broadly. Pioneer Natural Resources,

and hiring. Now investors may start focusing more on an improving economy rather than the future of the Fed's economic stimulus program, said Joe Quinlan, chief market strategist for U.S. Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management. The U.S. economy expanded at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter, up from 2.5 percent in the previous quarter and more than economists anticipated, the government said reported last Thursday. That was followed last Friday by an unexpectedly strong October jobs report.

"Economic data has really come in strong of late," said Douglas Cote, chief market strategist at ING Investment Management. "There's a lot of room for this market to continue higher in 2014." Investors will also be closely following the Senate Banking Committee's confirmation hearing for Janet Yellen on Thursday for clues about when the Fed may begin to scale back its economic stimulus. Yellen has been nominated to succeed Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, becoming the first woman to lead the U.S. central bank.

"Some discussion of tapering could well take place" next month, Fed Bank of Atlanta President Dennis Lockhart said today in a radio interview with Bloomberg Radio. The Fed's last policy meeting of the year starts Dec. 18. In U.S. government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.78 percent from 2.75 percent Friday. The bond market was closed Monday for the Veterans Day holiday. □

Global markets mute to Chinese policy promises

PAN PYLAS
AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Markets were largely unmoved Tuesday by a promise from China's political leaders for the free market to play a bigger role in the country's state-dominated economy.

At the end of a four-day meeting aimed at producing a reform blueprint for the coming decade, Communist Party leaders said state ownership will remain a pillar of the economy but endorsed private companies as "important components."

China has become the world's number 2 economy through a growth model that's been based on exports and investment. However, reform advocates say further progress will require smaller and medium sized enterprises having a bigger role over big, politically favored state companies.

Mark Williams, chief Asia economist at Capital Economics, said his initial sense was that the meeting has fallen short of expectations, though conceded it would be "foolish" to make a snap judgment.

"Some disappointment was probably inevitable given the unrealistic belief in some quarters that it would deliver a detailed policy package," he said. In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was flat by the close, at 6,726.79, while Germany's DAX fell 0.3 percent to 9,076.48. The CAC-40 in France fell 0.6 percent to 4,263.78.

A day after hitting an all-time closing high, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.3 percent at 15,732.

The broader S&P 500 index, which is also just shy of its record high, fell 0.3 percent to 1,766.78.

Whether stock indexes, not just in the U.S., can push on further could rest on what the Federal Reserve does with regard to its monetary stimulus. □



Jeffrey Sprecher, founder and CEO of IntercontinentalExchange, visits the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. The ICE and NYSE Euronext tie-up will close Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

weakness at its Australian newspapers. Energy stocks fell after oil dropped to a five-month low. Winners included airlines. The gains were led by Jet-Blue Airways, after the Justice Department said it cleared the way for American Airlines and US Airways to merge, creating the

allowing the economy time to catch up to the gains the stock market has made. After closing at an all-time high on three of the previous four trading days, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 32.43 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,750.67. The S&P 500 index dropped 4.20 points, or 0.2 percent,

an oil exploration company, dropped \$5.63, or 3 percent, to \$182.70. Chevron lost \$1.20, or 0.9 percent, to \$120. Stocks have climbed this year as the Federal Reserve kept up its \$85 billion-a-month of bond purchases to keep interest rates low and encourage borrowing

Online retail helps earns at Deutsche Post DHL

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Express delivery and freight company Deutsche Post DHL saw its net profit rise 6 percent in the third quarter as its parcel business in Germany benefited from growth in online retailing. The company said Tuesday that its net profit reached 399 million euros

(\$534 million), up from 377 million in the same quarter last year. The figure was just short of the average analyst estimate of 403 million euros compiled by financial information provider FactSet. The profits rise came despite a decline in sales attributed to shifts in exchange rates. Revenues fell

2.5 percent to 13.50 billion euros. The recently stronger euro shrinks revenues in other currencies when they are re-stated in euros for earnings purposes. Earnings rose at the company's express delivery business and from delivering letter and parcels in Germany. Parcel revenue for deliver-

ies to customers of online retailers rose 9 percent. The company said it was expanding its parcel business by increasing drop-off points to more than 50,000 and by expanding evening delivery to more cities. The mail business also benefited from an increase in postal rates. □



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Flush with cash, Vodafone eyes opportunities

DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — With a cash infusion coming soon from the sale of its U.S. business, British cellphone company Vodafone on Tuesday shot down speculation it might go “shopping” for new acquisitions, saying it would focus on investing in its networks in European and emerging markets. Vodafone agreed this year to sell its 45 percent stake in U.S. mobile operator Verizon Communications Inc. to Verizon for \$130 billion in a landmark cash and stock purchase—one of the biggest corporate deals in history.

But Vodafone argued that, while it was always looking for good opportunities, it had no interest in a spending spree, having already wrapped up a takeover of Germany's biggest cable operator, Kabel Deutschland, for 7.7 billion euros. The group intends to return about \$84 billion to shareholders when the deal is completed, likely in the first quarter of 2014.

The company said Tuesday its current plans are to increase investment in existing operations. It will spend 7 billion pounds (\$11.2 billion) over two years — about 1 billion pounds more than previously announced. “The pending \$130 billion U.S. transaction will reward our shareholders for their long-term support of our strategy and will provide us with a strong balance sheet, improved dividend cover and the financial and strategic flexibility to make further investments in the business or returns to shareholders in the future,” Chief executive Vittorio Colao said in a statement. □

In The Boardroom:

Rethinking tactics to defang activist investors

DAVID GELLES

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Executives and board members used to fear hostile bids above all else. In response, they devised defense mechanisms like poison pills and staggered boards to thwart attacks.

Today, hostile deals are on the wane, but a new threat has emerged that has put

early phone call between Loeb and Yahoo, the company's chairman, Roy Bostock, reportedly hung up on him. But a year and a half later, Loeb had forced out Yahoo's chief executive and was on the board. After a string of such debacles, and with activism today more established and prolific than ever before,

activists. William Anderson of Goldman Sachs has a similar role. Smaller investment banks, like Evercore, are now devoting more resources to activism defense practices as well. To prepare for activists, who often show up with detailed white papers assailing a target's performance, companies con-

“The level of sophistication of the activists has increased,” Richard Grossman, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. “They're hiring headhunters, using banks to help them come up with white papers, and the quality of their board candidates is increasing.”

Assessments include whether the company's stock is trading at a discount to its peers, whether it has excess cash on the balance sheet and the youth and engagement of its directors. In a recent report, Citigroup called this kind of preparation being “white paper-ready.”

“Boards are preparing for the possibility that activists may come,” said Robert Kindler, global head of mergers and acquisitions at Morgan Stanley. “Part of it is proactively reviewing areas of vulnerability and seeing whether or not there are things you should be doing anyway.”

Part and parcel with this more proactive assessment of a company's own performance is communicating better with passive institutional shareholders.

In recent years, many big companies have put more money into their investor relations departments. And instead of simply sending out the head of the department to meet institutional investors, they are sending out the chief executive, chief financial officer and chairman.

“It's important that the first time a shareholder hears from you isn't when an activist files a 13-D,” the regulatory filing announcing an activist's stake, Grossman said. In the best case, the situation never goes public and is resolved before a 13-D is ever filed. □



Chris Young, head of contested situations at Credit Suisse, which assesses companies' vulnerabilities to shareholder activism, at the company's offices in London, in November, 2013. After trying to ignore shareholder activism, many companies are now scrambling to calibrate their defenses to this new and in many ways more challenging threat.

(Luke Wologiewicz/The New York Times)

boardrooms on edge: activist investors.

“Companies now view the threat of shareholder activism similarly to how they viewed the threat of hostile takeovers in the 1980s,” said Gregg Feinstein, head of mergers and acquisitions at Houlihan Lokey.

Until recently, many companies responded to activists by simply refusing to meet with them and hoping they would go away.

When Daniel S. Loeb of Third Point Management took a stake in Yahoo in 2011, the company was initially dismissive. In an

that approach has fallen out of favor.

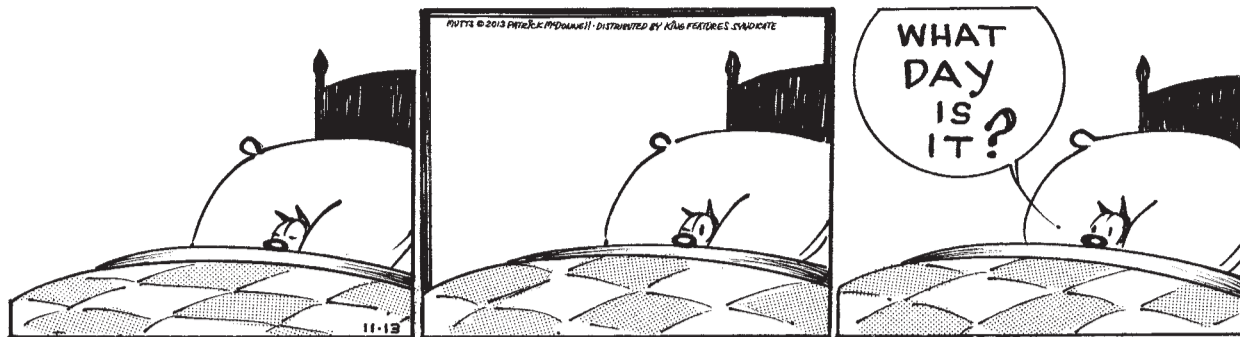
Many companies are preparing for activists before they even show up.

“Your defense today before an activist shows up is all about blocking and tackling, dynamic self-assessment, followed by really enhanced investor outreach,” said Chris Young, head of contested situations at Credit Suisse. “It's a dialogue, not a monologue.” Young is one of a few bankers who spends almost all of his time advising companies on how to prepare for and deal with

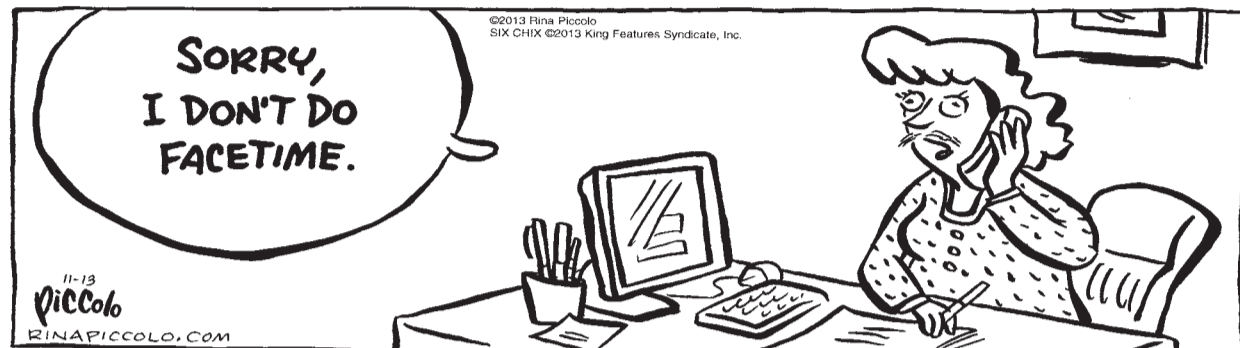
duct a handful of exercises to give management and boards a better understanding of their perceived vulnerabilities.

Small teams that include management, a banker, a lawyer and an outside public relations specialist are often assembled to prepare a response in the event of an attack. The goal, advisers say, is to see the company through the eyes of an activist, especially at a time when activists have gone from being outspoken agitators to rigorously analytical financial engineers.

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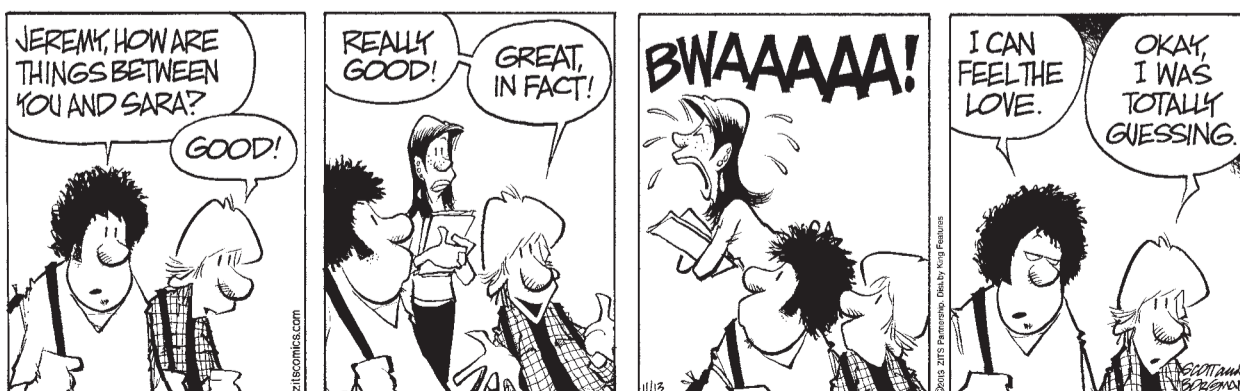
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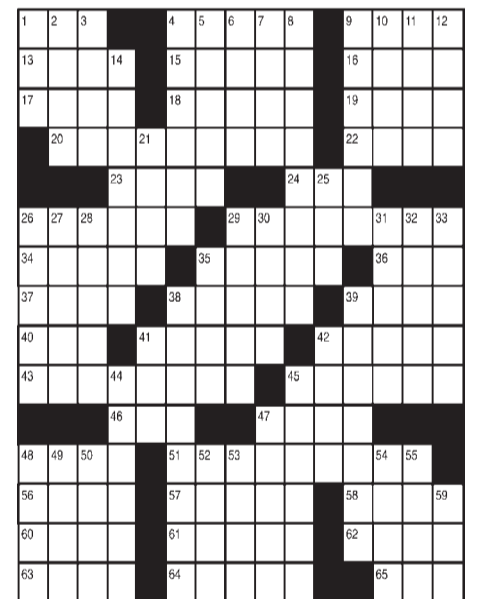
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Spanish pianist could face jail for practicing

CIARAN GILES
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — To most people, noise pollution is a jet engine roaring over their head. For one Spanish woman, it was a neighbor playing the piano more softly than a spoken conversation. The woman has taken her neighbors in the apartment below — a 27-year-old pianist and her parents — to court. Now prosecutors want to send all three to jail for over seven years on charges of psychological damage and noise pollution. In a country known for its exuberant noisiness, the case has raised eyebrows. Neighbors often complain about street and bar noise in Spain, but prosecutors seeking jail time for someone practicing the piano is unheard of — especially since that musician is now a professional concert pianist. At the trial in the northeastern city of Gerona, Sonia Bosom claimed she suffered noise pollution from 2003 to 2007 due to the five-days-a-week, eight-hour practice sessions of Laia Martin, who lived below her in the northeastern town of Puigcerda. Martin, 27, denies that she

played at home that often, saying she took regular classes in other towns. She claims she mostly practiced at home on the weekends. On Monday, the first day of the trial, the El Pais newspaper reported that Bosom told the court she now hates pianos so much she can't even stand to see them in a film. The prosecution claims that years of hearing constant playing has caused Bosom "psychological injury." Medical reports showed she suffered from a variety of problems, including insomnia, anxiety, panic attacks and gynecological problems. Bosom and her family moved in 2007 and she says she has had to take time off work, reportedly due to her problems. The prosecutor said tests by local authorities found that the sound levels made by the piano were repeatedly up to 10 decibels higher than the 30-decibel limit laid down for musical instruments in the town. City authorities asked the family several times to either stop the piano playing or soundproof the room. The family told the court they carried out sound-

proofing work twice but the complaints continued, the newspaper reported. Nuria Blanes, an environmental scientist at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, said noise around 40 decibels "is not very much." A normal conversation produces 55-60 decibels, with noise in a bar reaching 65-70 decibels and an airplane in flight producing 110-120 decibels, she said. However, she also noted that some studies have established links to health problems such as sleep disturbances and cardiovascular disease if someone faces a constant noise level of over 40 decibels during the night. "The norm is for 30 decibels as a nighttime limit inside a house, but some authorities are widening it to daytime, which is surprising," said Fernando Simon Yarza, a constitutional law professor at Navarra University. □

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Experts: Man, nature share typhoon tragedy blame

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nature and man together cooked up the disaster in the Philippines.

Geography, meteorology, poverty, shoddy construction, a booming population, and, to a much lesser degree, climate change combine to make the Philippines the nation most vulnerable to killer typhoons, according to several scientific studies.

And Typhoon Haiyan was one mighty storm.

Haiyan slammed the island nation with a storm surge two stories high and some of the highest winds ever measured in a tropical cyclone — 195 mph (314 kph) as clocked by U.S. satellites, or 147 mph (237 kph) based on local reports. An untold number of homes were blown away, and thousands of people are feared dead.

"You have a very intense event hitting a very susceptible part of the world. It's that combination of nature and man," said MIT



A survivor walks beside a ship that was washed ashore hitting makeshift houses near an oil depot in Tacloban city, Leyte province central Philippines on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013. Authorities said at least 2 million people in 41 provinces had been affected by Friday's typhoon Haiyan and at least 23,000 houses had been damaged or destroyed.

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tropical meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel. "If one of those ingredients were missing, you wouldn't have a disaster."

The 7,000 islands of the Philippines sit in the middle of the world's most storm-

prone region, which gets some of the biggest typhoons because of vast expanses of warm water that act as fuel and few pieces of land to slow storms down.

Half the storms on an in-

formal list of the strongest ones to hit land in the 20th and 21st centuries ended up striking the Philippines, according to research by Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the Weather Underground.

Storms often hit after they've peaked in strength or before they get a chance to, but Haiyan struck when it was at its most powerful, based on U.S. satellite observations, Emanuel said.

Humans played a big role in this disaster, too — probably bigger than nature's, meteorologists said. University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy figures that 75 to 80 percent of the devastation can be blamed on the human factor.

Meteorologists point to extreme poverty and huge growth in population — much of it in vulnerable coastal areas with poor construction, including storm shelters that didn't hold up against Haiyan.

More than 4 out of 10 Filipinos live in a storm-prone vulnerable city of more than 100,000, according to a 2012 World Bank study. The Haiyan-devastated provincial capital of Tacloban City nearly tripled from about 76,000 to 221,000 in just 40 years.

About one-third of Tacloban City's homes have wooden exterior walls. And 1 in 7 homes have grass roofs, according to the census office.

Those factors — especially flimsy construction — were so important that a weaker storm would have still caused almost as much devastation, McNoldy said.

"You end up with these kind of urban time bombs, where cities have doubled, tripled, quadrupled in size in 50 years" without good building standards, said Richard Olson, director of the Extreme Events Institute at Florida International University. "It is, I hate to say, an all-too-familiar pattern." Scientists say man-made global warming has contributed to rising seas and a general increase in strength in the most powerful tropical cyclones. But they won't specifically apply these factors to Haiyan, saying it is impossible to attribute single weather events, like the typhoon, to climate change.

A 2008 study found that in the northwestern Pacific where Haiyan formed, the top 1 percent of the strongest tropical cyclones over the past 30 years are getting on average about 1 mph stronger each year — a phenomenon some scientists suspect is a consequence of global warming.

"The strongest storms are getting stronger" said study co-author James Kossin of the National Climatic Data Center. Haiyan "is what potentially could be a good example of the kind of the things we're finding."

Similarly, the Philippines has seen its sea rise nearly half an inch in the past 20 years — about triple the global increase, according to R. Steven Nerem of the University of Colorado. Higher sea levels can add to storm surge, creating slightly greater flooding.

Just as human factors can worsen a disaster, they can also lessen it, through stronger buildings, better warnings and a quicker government response. □

Library of Congress acquires Carl Sagan's papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronomers and scientists are joining Seth MacFarlane at the Library of Congress for the opening of a new collection of Carl Sagan's papers.

The library has acquired the late astronomer's papers with a donation from MacFarlane, the creator of TV's "Family Guy." Sagan's widow and collaborator, Ann Druyan, will join the dedication Tuesday, along with astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, Bill Nye and others.

Sagan was a pioneering space scientist, educator and Pulitzer Prize-winning author. He's credited with helping to bridge the gap between academics and popular culture.

The collection is comprised of 1,705 archival boxes of materials. It includes Sa-



In this Aug. 1996 file photo, astronomer Carl Sagan speaks in Washington. Astronomers and scientists are joining Seth MacFarlane at the Library of Congress for the opening of a new collection of Carl Sagan's papers.

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gan's earliest notebooks and report cards, his correspondence with scientists, and drafts and documents

from the first 40 years of the space age.

The library is posting new science resources online. □

Nicks to guest star on 'American Horror Story'



This Jan. 31, 2013 file photo shows singer Stevie Nicks at the premiere of the documentary film "Sound City" in Los Angeles. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lily Rabe's Stevie Nicks-obsessed character on "American Horror Story: Coven" is in for a treat. The singer will guest star on an upcoming episode of the FX series. Creator Ryan Murphy revealed the guest spot news Tuesday over his official Twitter account. "Guess who's visiting the Coven?"

The legendary Stevie Nicks! This is the third season of "American Horror Story," which focuses on witches. Season one centered on a haunted house, while season two followed an insane asylum. The show, which airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. Eastern, has already been picked up for a fourth installment to air in 2014. □

iTunes to allow donations for typhoon relief

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple is giving iTunes users a chance to donate to relief efforts for the typhoon tragedy in the Philippines.

Users can go to the iTunes store to donate to the American Red Cross; funds raised will go to help the Asian nation, which has been devastated by Typhoon Haiyan (HY'-ahn). The official death toll is over 1,700, but as many as 10,000 are feared dead and more than 9 million people have been affected.

iTunes has done the same to raise funds for those affected by other tragedies, most recently for Superstorm Sandy. Apple says it was able to donate \$2.5 million for Sandy relief based on donations from iTunes users and its own employees.

Apple said Tuesday it didn't have a specific end-date for the campaign. □

Jennifer Lawrence first-time producer with 'Glass Castle'

JESSICA HERNDON
AP Film Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Jennifer Lawrence will not only star in the upcoming film adaptation of Jeanette Walls' 2005 best-selling memoir "The Glass Castle," the project will also mark her first time as a producer.

"I don't know if I will be any good, but I'm trying it," Lawrence said of her new post in an interview with The Associated Press at a recent publicity event in Beverly Hills. "So far I am not sure if I am because I am very instinctual, but not very verbal. But producing is something that I have really wanted to do."

The actress attached herself to the adaptation after her mother, Karen Lawrence, fell in love with Walls' story and suggested she read it.

"My mother is like the lucky charm with these kinds of things," said the 23-year-old star of the upcoming "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire." "She read 'Winter's Bone' and 'Hunger Games' and when I read 'The Glass Castle' I thought it was amazing, so we found Gil Netter,



American actress Jennifer Lawrence poses for photographers as she arrives on the red carpet for the World Premiere of "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," on Monday Nov. 11, 2013, in Leicester Square, London. Lawrence will not only star in the upcoming film adaptation of Jeanette Walls' 2005 best-selling memoir "The Glass Castle," the project will also mark her first time as a producer. A production date for the movie has not yet been set.

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the producer who had the rights to (the book). He and I started talking and now we are developing. We have a director and a writer and it's getting going." "The Glass Castle," which spent more than 335 weeks on The New York Times best-seller list, details Walls' poor and dysfunctional upbringing as she is raised by an eccentric artist mother

and alcoholic father. The Lionsgate film will be directed by Destin Cretton, who wrote and directed this summer's well-received drama "Short Term 12." The screenplay, which was originally written by Marti Noxon, is being rewritten by Cretton and Andrew Lanham. A production date for the movie has not yet been set. □

Wahlbergs to star in reality restaurant show

NEW YORK (AP) — A&E network is feasting on the Wahlberg brothers, who will star in a new reality show titled "Wahlburgers" and set in the family's Boston restaurant.

For the show, actor brothers Mark and Donnie Wahlberg head back to their hometown to join forces with older brother Paul in the hamburger venture.

A&E says all eyes will be on these Wahlbergs, who are determined to make their restaurant brand a success in Boston and beyond. Now they just have to agree on a second location.

"Wahlburgers" is set to premiere Jan. 22. □



This July 29, 2013 file photo shows actor Mark Wahlberg attends the premiere of "Two Guns" in New York.

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Amazon fills its video cart with 2 new comedies

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP) —

There's a new kid on the block at Culver Studios.

Inside a towering sound-stage, just around the corner from where such television comedies as TBS' "Cougar Town" and Showtime's "Episodes" have been filmed, another production is in full swing. A set depicting a high-tech, two-story office is hosting a boozy party scene for "Betas," a comedy about a quirky crew of app creators in Silicon Valley.

But unlike its neighboring productions, the new series will likely never air on TVs. Instead, it will stream on them, in addition to many other devices. "Betas" is one of the first original series from Amazon, the on-line retail giant who's taking a cue from Netflix and Hulu by producing its own shows that will only be available on Amazon Instant Video, a content service for paying members.

"In the old days, I remember if you were a film actor, you didn't do TV," said Ed Begley Jr., who stars in "Betas" as a goofy, patriarchal investor. "That wall came down many years ago. Now, I think the same thing is happening on the Web. This isn't just someone with a Handycam filming something that looks like public access TV. This is a real show."

Amazon's move into content creation is another click in the evolution of on-line video, legitimized earlier this year by the success of "House of Cards," the political drama from online streaming service Netflix Inc. starring Kevin Spacey. That show was nominated for a best drama Emmy, alongside the likes of AMC's "Breaking Bad," which ultimately nabbed the prize.

Over the past year, Amazon.com Inc. has bolstered its streaming video library beyond typical movies and TV shows by locking down the exclusive streaming rights to such buzzed-about series as "Downton Abbey," "Falling Skies," "Justified" and "Under the



In this photo released by Amazon Studios, from left, Karan Soni, Charlie Saxton, Joe Dinicol, Maya Erskine and Jon Daly, star in Amazon's original series "Betas," which debuts Nov. 22, 2013, on Amazon.com.

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In this photo provided by Amazon Studios, from left, Mark Consuelos, John Goodman, Clark Johnson and Matt Malloy star in Amazon's first original series "Alpha House" which debuts Nov. 15, 2013, on Amazon.com.

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Dome." The Seattle-based company is hoping to now build hype — and attract subscribers — with its own shows.

Amazon's foray into original programming kicks off with Friday's debut of the political comedy "Alpha House," featuring Mark Consuelos, Clark Johnson, Matt Malloy and John Goodman as senators who live together.

Goodman, an acting vet with a seemingly ubiquitous presence on the big and small screen these days, didn't notice much of a contrast between "Alpha House" and the other TV productions he's worked on.

"The only difference was that we could curse very heavily, but that's the only difference," said Goodman. "We have a fantas-

tic studio in Queens and locations all over New York City subbing for Washington, D.C. I actually know nothing about how they are going to present this (show). It was so much like a regular television show. I just don't care."

Amazon reportedly spent \$50 million to produce "Betas" and "Alpha House," along with three children's shows, for Amazon Prime,

a premium service that provides free two-day shipping, streaming video and other perks to members who pay \$79 a year. The company ordered full seasons after offering up 14 pilots for Amazon customers to stream and critique.

"It was a super unconventional way to go through the pilot process," said actress Maya Erskine, who plays the acerbic love interest on "Betas." "We didn't have a network just determining our fate right away. Amazon was actually giving this a chance to be seen. I think it takes a while for audiences to see something and get hooked, especially on the Internet."

The first three episodes of "Alpha House" will be available free to all Amazon customers beginning Friday, as will the first three "Betas" installments when it launches a week later. The rest of the episodes will then only be available to Amazon Prime subscribers each week. That means no binge viewing — for now — a deliberate decision by Amazon to get viewers tweeting about the shows. "When you release all the episodes at the same time, our intuition was that it gets in the way of you communicating with your friends about a show because you don't know how many episodes they've seen," said Roy Price, director of Amazon Studios. "It removes that whole water-cooler aspect of watching a television show, which is part of the fun."

Amazon isn't waiting around to see if comedies "Betas" and "Alpha House" go viral, though.

The company is now in search of its very own buzz-worthy dramas in the mold of "House of Cards" and "Orange is the New Black." Price said pilots have been ordered for two such properties, an adaptation of Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch police procedural book series and a mysterious genre show from "The X-Files" creator Chris Carter, as well as three additional comedies and six new kids' shows. □

Dear Governor Christie



ROSS DOUTHAT
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I know, governor, I know: It's still too early for presidential speculation, you're just focused on the job at hand and any talk of 2016, while flattering, is purely hypothetical.

But just in case you do have some faint, slight, extremely modest interest in parlaying your landslide re-election into a presidential bid, here are four 2016 "don'ts" to keep in mind: DON'T BE JON HUNTSMAN. This sounds easy enough, but obvious pitfalls are still worth pointing out. For the next two years, you're going to be hailed up and down the Acela Corridor as the Great Moderate Hope, the anti-Tea Party candidate, the Man Who Is Not Ted Cruz. But you can't actively embrace that part, or give off the impression - as Huntsman did, obviously and fatally - that you agree with the media that your party's full of rubes and cranks.

As a would-be nominee, you have to woo base voters, not run against them, and make them feel respected even when they disagree with you. This doesn't mean muzzling yourself, or pandering to every right-wing interest group. But it means persuading conservatives that you like them, that you understand them and that as president you're going to be (mostly) on their side.

DON'T BE RUDY GIULIANI. You probably think you wouldn't have Rudy's problems in a Republican primary. Yes, you're both combative Northeasterners from the party's moderate flank, but unlike the former mayor you aren't a social liberal with a public history of adultery (and a few drag performances thrown in).

But what felled Giuliani in 2008 weren't just "values" issues. It was the former mayor's apparent belief that being a national hero was a sufficient qualification to be president - that he could just show up, be "Rudy," and the rest would take care of itself.

As another charismatic politician defined by your handling of a catastrophe, you're vulnerable to the same temptation: the belief that you, personally, are the solution to the Republican Party's many problems, and that you can just run on your own awesomeness without specifying where you would take the country if you won. That act wears thin in a long campaign, and it's likely to wear especially thin in a party that needs a new agenda as badly as Republicans do today. Which brings us to ...

DON'T ASSUME THAT WHAT WORKED IN JERSEY WILL WORK

NATIONALLY. In state-of-the-party arguments, you and your fellow Republican governors love to contrast your successes with the national party's struggles. But those successes have been made possible by crucial differences between state-level issues and national ones.

In New Jersey, for instance, you've been able to successfully isolate public-sector unions, portraying them as drains on middle-class tax dollars and enemies of the common good. But in national budget debates, the biggest issues are popular entitlement programs, not teacher salaries or bureaucrats' health benefits. And you probably aren't going to win the presidency wagging your finger at Social Security recipients, or painting the poor and elderly as dangerous special-interest groups. You need a different way to convince voters that you're on the middle class's side, and you won't find it unless you ...

DON'T ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOUR DONORS. As a standard-bearer for pragmatic, non-apocalyptic Republicanism who also hails from a state where lots of rich Wall Streeters sleep at night, you're going to be awash in money, and with it will come lots of unsolicited advice. Some will be good: The Republican donor class has a better handle on certain political realities than the Tea Party. But some will be terrible, because the right's donors are loath to acknowledge that their party's biggest problem isn't gay marriage or immigration or even the disastrous government shutdown. It's a brand identity, cemented by Mitt Romney's persona and "47 percent" remark, as the handmaiden of Big Business and the rich.

To alter that identity, you'll need substance as well as regular-guy style: a tax plan that doesn't play just as a giveaway to the 1 percent, a health care plan that isn't just a defense of the pre-Obamacare status quo, an approach to spending that targets corporate welfare as well as food stamps.

The good news is that you already have populist politicians like Utah's Sen. Mike Lee leading the charge into this territory, so you can follow without worrying too much about being attacked as a RINO sellout squish. The bad news is that you'll have a lot of big bundlers cornering you to explain that actually it's much more important to cut capital-gains taxes or preserve the carried-interest loophole for hedge funds, and why can't you move to the center on social issues and stick with upper-bracket tax cuts, because after all they worked in the Reagan era ...

Which they did - in a completely different economic and political landscape. So if you want to have an era of your own, you'll need to nod politely, crush your well-heeled advice-giver with a handshake, and then take a different path. □



When A Gun Advocate Dissents



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It's not as if Dick Metcalf was some kind of gun control fanatic.

On the contrary, he's a gun guy through and through, such an unyielding defender of the Second Amendment that last year he led the charge to push through a law giving the residents of Pike County, Ill., where he lives, the right to carry concealed guns without a permit. He called the practice "constitutional carry" rather than "concealed carry."

In the early 1980s, he and a handful of friends started a successful gun club, called the Pike Adams Sportsmen's Alliance, which is on Metcalf's farm in Barry, Ill. A few years later, he played an important role in lobbying for the federal Firearm Owners Protection Act, which loosened many of the gun restrictions that had become law after the assassination of Robert Kennedy. A friend of his told me Metcalf had even written some of the language in the bill.

Mostly, though, Metcalf, 67, was known as a writer for magazines owned by InterMedia Outdoors, a publisher of gun periodicals that include the industry bible, *Guns & Ammo*. He did videos on subjects like "Guns for Family Home Defense" and wrote articles with headlines like "Smith & Wesson's 12 Most Important

Guns."

It is perfectly understandable, then, that the gun world might be a little taken aback by Metcalf's opinion piece in the December issue of *Guns & Ammo* calling for some modest gun regulation. "I firmly believe that all U.S. citizens have a right to keep and bear arms," he wrote, "but I do not believe that they have a right to use them irresponsibly." The article went on to call for mandatory training for gun owners. That's all. Such limited regulation, he argued, did not constitute an infringement on anyone's constitutional rights.

When people like me read an article like that, it seems momentarily possible that gun advocates and gun control advocates might be able to find some common ground. Much in the way that many gun control activists have come to accept the legitimacy of the Second Amendment - something that hasn't always been the case - here was a man on the other side of the divide saying that some sensible regulation didn't necessarily lead down a "slippery slope" to confiscation. If we are ever to have a sane gun policy, we desperately need people from both camps to meet somewhere in the middle. But when people like me see the reaction from gun advocates to Metcalf's tame proposal, it all seems hopeless again. Robert Farago, who maintains a blog called *The Truth About Guns*, started the ball rolling by linking to - and denouncing - Metcalf's "diatribe." He went on to describe the article as a "bone-headed, uninformed, patently obvious misinterpretation of the Second Amendment." Other bloggers piled on. On the *Guns & Ammo* Facebook page, subscribers demanded Metcalf's head, even as they canceled their subscriptions.

Finally, according to a blog post Metcalf wrote, two major gun manufacturers told Inter-

Media Outdoors they would pull all their advertising if something wasn't done. That's all it took. Within 24 hours, Metcalf was permanently banned from the company's publications. And the longtime editor of *Guns & Ammo*, Jim Bequette, who was planning to retire at the end of the year, was pushed out as well. Before departing, however, Bequette wrote a groveling apology, which ran on the magazine's website. He described his decision to publish Metcalf's article as "a mistake" and took pains to remind readers that *Guns & Ammo* had always been the hardest of hard-liners. "It is no accident that when others in the gun culture counseled compromise in the past, hard-core thinkers ... found a place and a voice in these pages," he wrote. With that, capitulation was complete.

If you want to understand why so few gun owners are willing to stand up to the National Rifle Association, even though the majority disagree with the NRA's most extreme positions, here was a vivid example. Straying from the party line leads to vilification and condemnation that would give anybody pause.

My guess is Dick Metcalf always knew what he was in for - all the more reason writing his article took guts. In the aftermath, he was the only one who could still hold his head up high. On a blog called *The Outdoor Wire*, he wrote a lengthy response to his critics. He didn't back down one iota. Describing himself as "disappointed" at the reaction to his article, he added, "If a respected editor can be forced to resign and a controversial writer's voice be shut down by a one-sided social-media and Internet outcry, virtually overnight, simply because they dared to open a discussion or ask questions about a politically sensitive issue ... then I fear for the future of our industry, and for our Cause."

Maybe there's hope yet. □



In this Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, photo, shoppers stand in line outside a Best Buy department store before the store's opening at midnight. Thanksgiving is slowly becoming just another shopping day as at least a dozen major retailers are planning to open Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

All day shopping frenzy on Thanksgiving?

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanksgiving, the American harvest holiday that traditionally brings families together to feast on turkey and countless other treats, is slowly becoming just another shopping day. The holiday, held on a Thursday, is followed by another American celebration: Black Friday, typically the year's biggest shopping day and now considered the official start to the busy holiday buying season. Stores open in the wee hours of the morning with special deals called doorbusters and stay open late into the evening. Meanwhile, Thanksgiving and Christmas remained the only two days a year that stores were closed. Over the past few years, major retailers, including Target and Toys R Us, slowly have pushed opening times into Thanksgiving night to one-up each other and compete for holiday dollars. Some initially

resisted, saying that they wanted their employees to be able to spend time with their families. This year, more than a dozen major retailers are opening on Thanksgiving, including a handful like Macy's, J.C. Penney and Staples that are doing it for the first time. The Gap, which operates its Old Navy, Gap and Banana Republic, is opening half of its stores on Thanksgiving morning. Roger Beahm, professor of marketing at the Wake Forest University School of Business in North Carolina, expects that it's just a matter of time — he estimates five years — before most chains open all day on Thanksgiving. As for Christmas, he says that day is still sacred among shoppers. "The floodgates have opened," Beahm says. "People will turn Thanksgiving Day shopping into a tradition as they historically have on the day after Thanksgiving ... And stores

don't want to be left behind." Indeed, retailers say they're just doing what shoppers want. And they know that opening earlier gives them a chance to be the first to grab shoppers' dollars. That's an important opportunity for chains, which can make up to 40 percent of their annual revenue during the last two months of the year. But so far, it's unclear whether opening on Thanksgiving boosts retailers' top line or simply pushes forward sales from Friday. Last year, it was the latter: Sales on Thanksgiving were \$810 million last year, an increase of 55 percent from the previous year as more stores opened on the holiday, according to Chicago research firm ShopperTrak. But business dropped 1.8 percent to \$11.2 billion on Black Friday, though it still was the biggest shopping day last year. That day accounted for about 4.3 per-

cent of holiday sales last year. "Customers clearly showed that they wanted to be out shopping much earlier on Thanksgiving," Amy von Walter, a spokeswoman for Best Buy, which moved up its opening this year to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving from midnight on Black Friday in 2012. "Our plan this holiday is a direct result of that feedback." To be sure, the issue is divisive among shoppers. Some believe that the holiday should remain sacred and that store employees should not have to work. Some even have threatened on retailers' Facebook pages that they will boycott stores that open on Thanksgiving. Jennifer Gillis, 49, refused to shop during the holidays at Sears and Kmart last year because she believes Thanksgiving should not be commercialized. This year, she's adding Macy's to the list. "I think it's turning into a

day of greed — for shoppers and stores," Gillis, who lives in Hawaii, says. Given the controversy, opening on Thanksgiving can be a difficult decision for retailers to make. For instance, last year, Macy's and J.C. Penney didn't open on Thanksgiving evening as competitors did. Both chains say they wanted to honor their workers' time with their families. But this year, they changed their tune. Tony Bartlett, executive vice president of Penney's stores, says the company decided to open at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving this year because of customer feedback. He also says Penney store employees wanted to open on Thanksgiving so they could get the chance to better compete with rivals. "Obviously, we were one of the last to open," last year, says Bartlett, referring to the chain's 6 a.m. opening in 2012. But he says this year, "We're all in." □